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Reservist, Vietnam Vet, Starts 29th Year

by JO1 Mike Miller, NRC Avoca
Public Affairs

The year 2004 marks SK1 David H. Gilpin's 29th year of naval service, and the twilight of a career that began with the Cuban Missile Crisis blockade off Cuba in 1962. Ironically, Gilpin just returned from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he was mobilized to active duty in support of Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*.



Photographer unknown
SK1 Gilpin back in the Cuban
Missile Crisis days.

After completing bootcamp and A school, Gilpin was assigned to USS Oxford. The ship was ordered to waters off Cuba to participate in the naval blockade ordered by President Kennedy on

Oct. 23, 1962. The Cuban Navy responded by holding Oxford at bay using steel fish netting cables. After 72 hours, the Cubans were told to release Oxford or she and other US Navy ships would open fire. The Cubans complied.

Following a tour of South America, Oxford received orders to report to the Republic of Vietnam. Gilpin was a machinist mate third class. He was an oiler on a steam reciprocating engine, a throttleman, and an operator of fresh water evaporators. He also stood petty officer of the watch in the engine room. When not working at any of these stations he was assigned to the .30 and .50 caliber machine guns aboard ship. As a machinist mate he was also responsible for keeping the engines running on the riverboats, which were launched directly from the Oxford, in the Gulf of Tonkin. Combat action was intense and unrelenting. "We

lost guys," Gilpin said, "I don't like to talk about it." His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (three tours), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (three awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Military Outstanding Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M and Hourglass devices, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon (four awards), National Defense Service Medal, and Navy Expert Rifleman Medal.

After a 12-year hiatus extending from 1966 to 1978, Gilpin joined the Naval Reserve at Naval Reserve Center Avoca, Pa, as a seaman once again. This time he was affiliated with the Seabees and worked his way up the storekeeper ranks, ultimately becoming Supply Petty Officer for NMCB 21 Det. 0521 at Naval Reserve Center Avoca and POIC of the NMCB 21 Supply Department at Lakehurst, NJ. During Operation Enduring Freedom Gilpin was mobilized with part of Det. 0521 to Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, Cuba. In GITMO, Gilpin was assigned Officer in Charge of Supply for NMCB 74 and, at 58, the eldest Seabee on the island. "It was touching, almost overwhelming, to be back in Cuba after forty years. I kept wondering what was going to happen, but I was glad to be there again and to serve," he said.

Gilpin will retire from the Naval Reserve in Dec. 2004, just before his 60th birthday.



by YN2 Timothy Burkeiser
SK1 Gilpin at Naval Station
Guantanamo Bay, 2003. Photo

Funeral Held for Baby Entombed Within USS Utah

By Journalist 1st Class Mike Miller, Commander,
Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Dec. 7, a funeral service was finally held at the USS Utah Memorial at Pearl Harbor for a baby girl, Nancy Lynne Wagner, who died at birth. Few know the secret USS Utah (AG 16) has held for 62 years.

Nancy's twin sister, Mary Kreigh, visited the memorial at the 60th anniversary in 2001. Mary Kreigh returned with her daughter Nina Kreigh for the funeral service. Friends and family were present, along with active-duty and Reserve Navy personnel.

Utah was sunk by a Japanese torpedo off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack. Fifty-eight enlisted men and six officers perished aboard and all but four remain inside the hull.

Baby Nancy's father, Chief Yeoman Albert Wagner, was attached to Utah at the time of the attack. Wagner had planned to scatter Nancy's ashes at sea when Utah left Pearl Harbor, but he never had the chance. Chief Wagner survived the attack and remained in the Navy until 1952. He passed away in 1975 prior to interments aboard Utah and was buried at sea off San Diego. Baby Nancy's urn is still in her dad's locker aboard Utah.

Mary Kreigh is USS Utah Association's Public Relations Director. The Navy holds a special place in her heart.

"For sixty-two years, the courageous crew of USS Utah has watched over a tiny secret copper urn hidden in my father's watery locker," Mary Kreigh said after the funeral service. "Nina and I are so grateful that my little twin sister Nancy Lynne has finally received God's blessing in the presence of men and women of the United States Navy. Our tears are tears of joy, not sadness. One day I hope to join Nancy Lynne aboard our beloved ship."

Chief Journalist (SW) Tim Paynter said, "I think it is very fitting that we, as Sailors, paid our respects to baby Nancy and her father, Chief Wagner. It's sad that he couldn't be here with us today for her funeral service, which he had originally intended to hold 62 years ago."

The Utah Memorial rests on the western side of Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. Utah lies firmly within the borders of the naval base, rendering her less accessible to non-military personnel. Dedicated in 1972, active duty, Reservists and veterans pay their respects at the monument located at the site where the hull is still partially exposed.

Utah, a 21,825-ton Florida-class battleship, was built in Camden, N.J., and commissioned in August 1911. Her original hull number was BB 31. Following

operations off the U.S. east coast, Europe, and a goodwill visit to South America, Utah was extensively modernized in 1925. In 1928, she carried President-elect Herbert Hoover on his return from a visit to South America. In 1931 Utah was converted to a radio-controlled target ship and redesignated AG 16, a role in which she would spend the rest of her active service.

Just prior to 8 a.m., Dec. 7, 1941, men aboard Utah saw three airplanes heading north from the harbor entrance. The planes dove low at the southern end of Ford Island where the seaplane hangars were located and began dropping their bombs. The attack went quickly for Utah. At 8:01 a.m., the venerable target ship took a torpedo hit forward and immediately listed to port. At 8:12 a.m., her mooring lines snapped and Utah rolled over. Through the heroic efforts of their shipmates, 10 men were rescued from the capsized hull. Sixty-four died aboard. Four were later recovered and interred ashore.

Pearl Harbor-attack survivors who served aboard Utah are entitled to have their remains interred within the hull. Navy funeral honors are rendered on the memorial, and the urn is slowly lowered to divers in the water, who place it inside Utah.

Utah is the final resting place for 60 men along with their shipmates who choose to join them - and baby Nancy Lynne Wagner.

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From the Commander

It has been an exciting Winter for the Navy and as we enter the Spring, we see our Navy's Reserve becoming even more relevant and responsive to our country's needs.

The ongoing Active-Reserve Integration (ARI) effort will bring a much better alignment of both our mobilization requirements and our unique civilian skill base to better serve. Even more important than ARI is our country's and our Navy's recognition of the special contributions that our Selected Re-

serve offers to them. The value from each of you in uniform and the civilian base that supports us is now recognized as one of our nation's treasures, much like it was 200 years ago. It is very refreshing to see and very rewarding to be a part of it.

It will be a difficult time as we continue our efforts in support of the General War on Terrorism (GWOT), for this may be a longer journey than many imagine. We will also be transitioning with the ARI to better align over the next two years. Both of these



are required and will take our commitment to succeed. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

I thank you all for what you do on behalf of a very grateful Navy and our nation!



By CAPT Robin Watters

I recently returned from a professionally rewarding recall to active duty in the Middle East. A great experience. During my time on active duty I had the opportunity to observe, over extended periods, integrated active and reserve teams in their wartime roles. I hope to apply the insights that I gained from this experience as I resume my duties as Admiral Clark's Deputy For Mission Effectiveness (DME).

ROLE OF THE DME. In REDCOM Mid-Atlantic, the

Mission Effectiveness

DME acts as principal deputy to the Commander in matters concerning mission effectiveness. I investigate issues associated with the ability of the individual unit to effectively execute their support role to the Fleet. My bottom line goal: help you efficiently improve your readiness and training. To do this, I will need your insights and perspective.

NRA AND UNIT VISITS. I will rarely be drilling at the Washington Navy Yard. You can expect to see me out in the field, collecting data and information in an attempt to understand the various issues associated with mission effectiveness. The insights and "best practices" that I gain from you and your units will be central to the effort.

In the near future, I will be publishing a tentative sched-

ule of visits in the Mid-Atlantic region. All the NRAs that I have yet to visit will be on the FY04 schedule (before being recalled, I had visited Avoca, Norfolk, Washington, DC). My focus will be on Admiral Clark's FY04 goals - with particular attention paid to medical and dental readiness and training.

To help make my visits productive, I will ask for targeted inputs from each unit based at the NRA. Although tentative, the inputs will likely include:

- CO bio
- Unit Brief
- Unit Training Plan for current and past two months
- MED/DENT readiness data
- PRT results for CO/XO/CMC
- Listing of AT/ADTs performed by unit in past 12

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Mission Effectiveness Cont...

months (when/command)

- Advancement exam statistics
- Recommendations for improving PCO Workshop curriculum

VISITS ARE NOT AN INSPECTION. I am not an inspector. The purpose of spending time in the field is to gain insight into mission effectiveness issues and identify best practices that may be applicable to the entire region. I will not be keeping score

on individuals or units - my focus is region-wide. If successful, these visits will support the development of sound policy recommendations to the Commander that result in an overall improvement in *Mission Effectiveness*- FOR YOU. Each of you are key. You know the battlespace and the issues. I need your help.

I look forward to getting out again to the field and working with you.

Cheers.



Enlisted Matters

Setting Personal and Career Goals

CMDCM Ranow McCoy,
REDCOM Mid-Atlantic CMC

A brand new year is now upon us and I hope each of you have set even higher goals for yourself for this year. No matter what your personal or career goals may be whether you plan to be in the Navy for four years, 10 years or thirty years, you should always look for opportunities to enhance your personal growth. Taking a course, whether it's on-line or via the traditional classroom setting, could be an excellent way for you to improve yourself. Taking care of yourself includes defining those personal, professional and financial goals that you set for yourself. Unless you've set your own goals and plans for personal and professional growth, you'll probably have a hard time focusing on the mission. When you take care of yourself, and strive to meet your own highest standards, it's reflected in everything you do.

Speaking of goals, I hope you have had the opportunity to review our CNO's GUIDANCE FOR 2004. The CNO's GUIDANCE 2004 is posted at (<http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno/clark-guidance2004.html>). The CNO's goals/priorities are also the Naval Reserve's. The Navy mission is also the Naval Reserve Mission. One Navy, one team, is the message that is being projected to our Reserve Force. You may ask how that affects you. Some changes that have already occurred: Instead of the usual TAR term to refer to full-time reservists, we now use "Full-Time Support" or FTS. Terms like "operational support" has replaced "peacetime support" because everyone in the Navy does the same work. These changes are intended to align our goals and objectives with that of our active duty counterparts. You should become very familiar with terms like "Sea Power 21" and "Sea Warrior". Sea Warrior is based on maximizing human capital and



how we are going to train the sailor to run the Navy for the future. The goal of Sea Warrior is to integrate the Navy's manpower, personnel, and training organizations- active and reserve- into a single, efficient, information-rich human resource management system.

As our Navy focuses on becoming more high-tech, our work force will become smaller and smarter and must adjust to this technology.

At the top of the CNO's Top Five Priorities list are manpower, and winning the "War for People." To win this war, the Navy must have a commitment to education and learning that will empower Sailors to excel professionally and personally. Herein lies the birth of the "Revolution in Training" and Navy Knowl-

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edge Online. [www.nko.navy.mil.]

The Navy has implemented force-shaping initiatives, such as "Perform to Serve", which will prompt Sailors to shift from over-populated ratings. Sailors must become aware of the tools available to them that may shape their careers.

In my previous article, I spoke about one of the tools that you can use right now to mentor your Sailors through Career Development Boards (CDBs). The CDB is one system the Navy has to inform its personnel of career op-

portunities and aid them in their attempts to advance personally and professionally. To find out more news about establishing a standardized CDB program onboard your command, please refer to BUPERS INSTRUCTION 1040.5A. Another tool, but certainly not the least, is establishing an effective mentoring program. The CNO refers to creating a mentoring culture within our leadership. We increased the availability of vital leadership references, including a Mentoring Handbook, through the Navy Knowledge Online website. You

may already have this in your toolbox, but just in case you don't, go to www.nko.navy.mil, look under the leadership tab and follow it to mentor. Everything you ever wanted to know regarding mentoring is there. We must take steps to ensure every Sailor has a mentor to maximize their talents and improve personal and professional excellence. The bottom line: I know that it all starts with the YOU. If YOU don't put forth the effort to stay motivated, it doesn't matter what kind of goals you set; they're not going to be achievable. Good luck!

Naval Reservists assist in water taxi rescue

From the Navy News Service

Reservists from Naval Reserve Center (NRC) Baltimore assisted in the rescue of more than a dozen passengers from a water taxi that had capsized in Baltimore's Inner Harbor late in the afternoon of March 6.

Two of the passengers died and three were still listed as missing, while the remaining 22 were rescued by Baltimore City Fire Department personnel, with the assistance of the NRC Baltimore Reservists.

Command Master Chief Melvin Johnson and Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Edward Mendez witnessed the water taxi capsize as it attempted to maneuver in heavy winds and seas. They immediately called 911, and Cmdr. Petersen Decker, commanding officer of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk, Det. 106, coordinated the launch of one of the NRC's small craft to assist in the rescue effort.

Approximately 15 Naval Reserve and active-duty personnel assisted the Baltimore City Fire Department in rescuing 20 passengers.

"My guys didn't hesitate," said Cmdr. Jim McGovern, commanding officer of NRC Balti-



Photo by MR2 Jerry Neblett
NRC Baltimore, Md

Passengers cling to the capsized water taxi Saturday off Fort McHenry as a Navy vessel approaches to help. Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board were trying yesterday to ascertain why word of a rapidly moving thunderstorm did not reach the boat before it left Fort McHenry.

more. "They saw what happened and jumped into action."

"I'm extremely proud of my people," said McGovern.

Chaplain's Corner



By Capt Carl W. Filer, CHC, USNR
REDCOM Mid-Atlantic Chaplain

Have you ever heard of Zell Kravinsky? He's become a hero of mine ever since I read an article about him in the Reading Eagle Newspaper last November. If you can believe it, Kravinsky has been criticized for helping people. This past summer, he donated one of his kidneys to a complete stranger, a poor African-American woman from North Philadelphia. A very intelligent and creative man, Kravinsky made millions of dollars buying, upgrading, and selling real estate, millions which he promptly gave away to save human lives.

Despite his remarkable record of generosity, he's been attacked on the Internet and in newspaper articles as being a "nut case" Kravinsky is bewildered by the reaction. "I'm not generous and I'm not insane," he says. "Maybe the sanest thing I do is give things away."

Perhaps the hostility has to do with some of the statements he's made that make people feel uncomfortable. No one should have two houses when people are homeless, he said, and no one should have two kidneys while others struggle to live without one. He's so far out there on the scale of altruism that those of us who can't relate to him come to one of two conclusions: Either he's crazy or we're selfish. Maybe it's a rationalization, but at some point we get

comfortable with our level of giving, what we do for other people, and we say to ourselves, "That's enough." Apparently, Kravinsky has never reached that point. "If you could do more, and you're not doing it, why not?" he asks rhetorically.

We can see rather pointedly here the parallels between Kravinsky and the Judeo-Christian ethic exemplified by Jesus Christ. Wasn't it Jesus who said, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise"? (LK.3:11) In fact, people got angry with Jesus—angry enough to nail Him to a cross—for the same reasons they get angry with Kravinsky: Jesus so radicalized the notion of God's will that it convicted all the so-called "good" people of their hypocrisy.

Perhaps I resonated with this story, because my own mother received the gift of a donated kidney—in her case from an accident victim—a gift that extended her life among her loved ones an extra fourteen years. Kravinsky's attitude of self-giving, while he doesn't profess any overt religious conviction, reflects the very essence of our Navy core values, especially at this time of national sacrifice, as our brothers and sisters in uniform give "the last full measure of devotion" in the War on Terrorism. He challenges each of us to re-evaluate our own stewardship of all that God has given us.



Medical Moment



Story from Tricare website

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REDCOM SPOTLIGHT

Training:

By YN1 Randall Middleton
REDCOM Staff

Happy New Year! The Training Department has undergone a number of personnel changes in the New Year. LCDR Matthew McGonigle is now the Regional Operations Training Officer, YNC (SW/AW) Rico Remigio is the new Leading Chief Petty Officer and YN1 Randall H. Middleton is the new Leading Petty Officer for the Training Department.

PN1(SW/AW) Carlos Granthon remains the STASS and ITEMPO Coordinator, YN2 Joel F. Williams is the New Order Writing System (NOWS), Naval Reserve

Accession Course (NRAC) Coordinator and Travel Liquidations Coordinator and YN2 Alonzo McCummings is still Surface Training Funds Coordinator and Order Writing Specialist for REDCOM Mid-Atlantic.

Each quarter the Training Department will introduce one of its personnel. This month, the department features YN1 Randall H. Middleton. YN1 Middleton is the Leading Petty Officer for the Training Department. His previous duty stations included: Naval Air Facility Washington, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland; Naval Air Reserve Jacksonville, Naval Air Station Jacksonville,

Florida and Fighter Composite Squadron Twelve (VFC-12), Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia and Fighter Patrol Squadron Sixty-Four (VP-64), Naval Air Station Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

He has earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Pre-Law) from Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia and Master of Arts in Human Resource Development from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri and is currently working on his Doctor of Philosophy in Education at Capella University. His hobby is playing Golf.

Toys For Tots

By IT1 Anthony Cain
NMCRC Wilmington, DE

'Tis the season for giving and since 1947, that's exactly what the United States Marine Corps Reserve have been doing every Christmas.

Each year before Christmas, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve collects millions of new, unwrapped toys for underprivileged children between the ages of one and 15 to bring a message of hope and joy Christmas morning. Thanks to contributors throughout the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico this year thousands of children will wake up to find an otherwise somber Christmas full of excitement and fun.

This November, and December 2003, Naval Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRC) Wilmington, Delaware sponsored its annual Toys for Tots operation. Headed by Mr. Harry G. Temple, a prior Marine who served in World War II and Korea and now a retired Dupont employee and an all volunteer group. Mr. Temple has been the key figure for this event during the past 14 years in Delaware, bringing happiness to our needy children. There were over 28,000 toys distributed this year at NMCRC Wilmington. Command members and

hundreds of area residents arrived in droves to drop off toys in the center's collection bins. The process of dropping off gifts at the quarterdeck

and signing the gift log is quick and painless, yet brings hope and comfort to so many. As a result of this year's heavy turn out, NMCRC Wilmington hopes to serve over 7,000 families. Judging by the over flow of toys on the drill deck, NMCRC Wilmington more than doubled last year's goal.

For many of this year's donors, Christmas is a time of sharing, giving back to the community, and helping those in need. CDR Testalindeman, CO at NMCRC Wilmington, informed me that this year's collection has been especially busy because so many people are willing to give. He said, "I'm fortunate to be involved with a worthy program like the Toys for Tots campaign. It exemplifies the true spirit of Christmas."



Holiday Volunteers

Story and photos by JOSN
Sarah Holm
RCMA PAO Staff

Military members and civilians gathered from around the D.C. area to help volunteer for the Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon at the D.C. Armory on December 10.

The morning started out with signing in and an orientation. Some of the volunteers returned from the previous years to help out, others were volunteering for the first time.

Gwen Moseley Coleman, Program Director at the Family and Child Services of WDC Inc., made her speech at the orientation stating, "This is the seniors' day. Whatever they want, we are here to help them."

The volunteers were split into groups. Some went to help fill gift bags while others helped set

up the tables.

Around 9:45 A.M. the guests of honor started to arrive. Military members waited to escort them into the dining hall. The main concern was to make sure everyone got into the building safely. "Some of the seniors may not want you to assist them, many want to do things on their own and that's fine," Coleman said, "but it's very important that you want to assist them and that you see to it that they make it up the steps, into the building, and into the dining area safely."

Inside the dining hall tables were lined up with red and green tablecloths and balloons attached. On stage a band played a mix of music including Christmas carols. Curtis Odrick, a guest at this year's festivity, is a regular. He comes every year, "I enjoy it, I think



Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Ranow McCoy helps a guest into the D.C. Armory for the holiday dinner.

it's real nice. The music is good; they got a live band this year. It's real nice."

As the music played senior citizens and volunteers filled the main isle dancing and having a good time.

Coleman said, "I am so grateful for all of the volunteers. As I said before, this may be the only Christmas that these senior citizens get and it's nice to be able to give them something special."

Proclamation Signing

by YNC(AW) Amy Kelly
NRC Adelphi

CDR Fredrick Shelton, Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Center, Adelphi, MD represented the U. S. Navy at a ceremony on the signing of a proclamation in support of Guard and Reserve personnel on 18 November 2003 at the Maryland State House. Also in attendance were MGEN Tuxill, Adjutant General for the Maryland National Guard and Mr. Boyd Cook, Maryland ESGR Committee Chair.

President Bush signed a proclamation honoring the nation's employers who support their employees who serve the nation in the National Guard and Reserve on 14 November 2003 at a White House ceremony. Many of the nation's governors also signed similar proclamations creating the first ever proclamation signing across the nation.

The proclamation announces National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week (Nov. 16



Photographer unknown
Proclamation Signing

through Nov. 22). Recognizes employers directly linked to our nation's defense by sharing their employees who serve in the military.

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Through the efforts of volunteers from State committees and members of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, all 50 states took part in proclamation ceremonies recognizing the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, 2003.

The event included all State ESGR Chairs, the Adjutants General, and the Governor of every state.

The outcome was extremely positive. The Na-

tional committee accomplished its goal of all 50 Governors recognizing their own National Guard and Reserve members in the process. Every Committee member and volunteer was included making it a total ESGR team effort.

Hundreds of employers who were involved and the state-by-state observances captured by the media confirmed the tremendous success of this program. The event truly raised the awareness of ESGR and the outstanding work of this organization to support the efforts of our Guard and Reservists.

"Support to the Fleet...Ready and Fully Integrated"

Special message from Commander, Fleet Forces Command Adm. William J. Fallon and Commander, Naval Reserve Force, Vice Adm. John G. Cotton.

After months of emphasis, every "shipmate," full-time support (FTS) and drilling Reservists (DRILRES) alike, have seen these words and had a chance to reflect on their meaning.

"Support to the fleet" – Naval Reserve Fighter Squadron (VFA) 201's recent deployment with USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), continued global security efforts by Naval Coastal Warfare units, and special operations support by Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HCS) 4 and HCS-5, who both possess one-of-a-kind capabilities that exist primarily in the Naval Reserve, and USS Stephen W. Groves' (FFG 29) counter-narcotics achievements, are just a few examples of the significant contributions Naval Reserve units are making to-

wards the global war on terrorism.

More than 22,000 Naval Reservists have been mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001, and more have been notified of upcoming recalls to active duty. Daily, our talented Reservists and their supported commands innovate ways to apply our Annual Training (AT), Active-Duty for Training (ADT) and Flex Drill mandays to maximize support of fleet requirements, maintain a high state of "readiness," and continue to demonstrate the value of the Naval Reserve...capability and commitment, anytime, anywhere, 2 4 / 7 / 3 6 5 .

"Fully integrated" – The Navy must take ownership of its Reserve Force. Our military's current force structure was designed to combat a Cold War era enemy that no longer exists. Today's enemies are smaller, more difficult to identify, and aggressively apply asymmetric tactics. To win the global war on terrorism (GWOT), we need to rapidly transform and become a more

flexible service with surge capability. We also need to recapitalize our fleet to take advantage of new technologies that will enable us to defeat our nation's enemies overseas, so we do not have to fight them at home.

We can only accomplish this by utilizing all of the resources at our disposal in the most efficient and effective manner, which is best accomplished as one fully integrated force. To that end, Commander, Naval Reserve Force (CNRF) and Commander, Fleet Forces Command (CFFC) have engaged in an aggressive plan to rapidly integrate active and Reserve forces. CFFC Adm. William J. Fallon has kindly agreed to share with you his perspective on the progress we have made and what the future may hold for the Navy's total force. What is the breadth? Who is participating? Is there a timeline? What are the goals?

REDCOM MIDLANT BJOY/SOY NOMINATIONS



Reserve Sailor of the Year

RPI Petty Officer James J. Caudle, USNR, a native of Tulsa, OK has earned the title of REDCOM MIDLANT Reserve Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Caudle mobilized to the Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa in direct support of Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom where

he served as Deputy Special Staff to the Commanding Officer, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa in Djibouti and also as the Chaplain Support Chief Petty Officer for 7 months. He provided administration support and security to Chaplain, rigging for religious services, humanitarian assistance and community relations, equipment inventories and management of transportation of Religious Ministry Teams and as Senior enlisted advisor to CJTF Chaplain where he supervised all enlisted personnel assigned to the CJTF Chaplain section.



Full Time Support Blue Jacket of the Year

HM3 Mark P. Harris, USN, a native of Rochester, NY., has earned the title of REDCOM MIDLANT Full Time Support Blue Jacket of the Year. Petty Officer Harris has vastly distinguished himself from

his peers. His extraordinary efforts have proven to be a tremendous asset to both the medical department and the entire reserve center. To put this outstanding achievement into proper perspective, HM3 Harris has strived to increase medical/dental readiness since reporting onboard and has significantly increased dental readiness from 63% to over 85%. He strives daily to increase medical readiness and has maintained the center's readiness above REDCOM's average percentage.



Reserve Blue Jacket of the Year

IT3 Anthony H. Jones, USNR, a native of Alexandria, Virginia, has earned the title of REDCOM MIDLANT Reserve Blue Jacket of the Year. Petty Officer Jones serves as Staff Department Training Petty Officer for a large 110-member command where he provides direct

support to the command Training Officer. In this capacity he updated and posted the Staff Readiness Summary Spreadsheet on the command website and provided the command with the current status of the command personnel chart to include arrival date of individuals, configuring and maintaining over 110 ITP's in a matrix format, and providing an accurate and complete updated Monthly Tracking Report allowing command to better monitor operational and readiness support to the gaining command. Outstanding initiative and commitment. During his off-duty time, planned and organized command wide weapons qualification exercise. Successfully qualified as a sharpshooter.



Full Time Support Sailor of the Year

HM2(SW) Clifton D. Butler, USNR (FTS), a native of Silver Creek, Mississippi has earned the title of REDCOM MIDLANT Full Time Support Sailor of the Year. Butler's selection was based on sustained superior performance, communication skills, customer service, and outstanding

leadership attributes. His ability to communicate issues up, down and horizontally across the chain of command has resulted in a high level of successful endeavors. Some of his assignments include taking over and monitoring the Navy Enlisted Classification Attainment Program (NECAP), Continued Medical Education Fee reimbursements for medical providers attending conferences, and maintaining a close working relationship with over 26 FTS HM's at 16 Reserve Centers. His ability to develop close working relationships with center HM's has had a direct impact on RMA readiness raising over 18% in one year.

Bravo Zulu!

RICHMOND RENOVATION COMPLETED

By LCDR Craig Hamner
NMCRC Richmond, VA

The Sailors and Marines of N&MCRC Richmond had a return to normalcy with the completion and formal acceptance on December 19 of their renovated male head. For nearly six months, they had been operating the other primary (and previously female) head on an odd/even hour alternating schedule. The \$230,000 overhaul, originally slated as a two-month project, took six months to eventually complete and cost overruns were approximately 7 percent. Significant delays were encountered as design modifications were incorporated for a 9-inch thick concrete slab ceiling and a 4 brick thick weight-bearing wall; portions of the 3000 square foot space were built for use as a bomb shelter during the Center's original construction in 1972. Additionally, concealed asbestos was encountered which had to be properly abated before work could continue.

The renovation includes all new sink, shower, and commode facilities and 156 lockers to primarily support the 35 FTS (Navy staff, Marine staff, and recruiters) and 120 Selected Reserve Marines who actively use the facility. Looking at your watch before using the head is no longer a requirement in Richmond!



Mr. Richard Cain (Project Foreman; blocked by locker), Mr. Travis Perry (Project Manager), Mr. Carlos Viteri (President, Viteri Construction Management Inc.), EM1(SW) Carter (N&MCRC Facilities Manager), 1stSGT Tolar (1stSGT, HOTEL Battery 3/14), MAJ Palazzo (I & I, HOTEL Battery 3/14), LCDR Hamner (CO, N&MCRC)

Bravo Zulu **Awards & Recognitions**



Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal

CDR Richard Lambert
NR PEO MUW 1404
DC1 Reyes Hernandez
NR AOC DET EARLE DAHT-7
FCC Richard Craig
NR AOC DET EARLE DAHT-7
CDR Michael Ewing
NR NCAPS 106
CDR Michael Murphy
NR NCAPS 106
CDR Sanjay Mathur
NR COMSUBGRU TEN
SKC Victor Villar
NR COMSUBGRU TEN
CAPT Thomas Hiltz
OPNAV OPS AND PLANS
LCDR Herbert Kearsley
OPONAV OPS AND PLANS
LCDR David Hudson
COMSUBLANT BGS 306
LCDR Eugene Burcher

Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal cont.

COMSUBLANT BGS 306
LCDR Ricardo Gravedeperlata
CNO OPS AND PLANS
CDR Brian Hood
CNO OPS AND PLANS
CDR Mark Broshevich
COMSUBLANT DET 106
CDR Charles Johnson
COMSUBLANT DET 106
LCDR Mark Carter
OPNAV N76 106
CDR Donald Smallwood
OPNAV N76 106
LCDR Kevin Hayes
CNO CAPS AND ASSESSMENT
CDR Mark Lokay
CNO CAPS AND ASSESSMENT
LCDR Claren Anderson
PERSMOBTEAM 906
LCDR Belinda Spohn
CNO N1 COMP 506
ETC Alvin Frazier
NAVEODTEHCEN
CDR James Jennings
CNO FLT REDLOG 106

Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal cont.

CDR William Vaughn
CNO FLT REDLOG 106
HT1 Darlene Cordiero
AS-39 LAND DET 106
CDR Ross Leuning
NPC 06 DET 106
CDR Daniel Lutz
NPC 06 DET 106
CDR Robert Wyda
NPC 06 DET 106
ET1 William Dewitt
DSW N77 106
CAPT John Hetrick
DSW N77 106
CDR Bryan Platon
DSW N77 106
CDR Thomas Watt
DSW N77 106
CDR Kenneth Keefer
NAVSEA DET 1206
YN1 Tawanna Coles
NAVSEA DET 1506
CAPT David Auclair

Bravo Zulu

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Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal cont.

NAVSEA DET 1006
LCDR John Lewis
NAVSEA DET 1006
CDR Kimberly Pellack
BUMED 106
CDR Gregg Wolff
BUMED 106
CDR Lisa Sullivan
BUMED 106
HMC Claudio Francis
BUMED 106
CDR Kristine Gjerde
BUMED 106
LT Micahel Robinson
BUMED 106
LCDR Michele Johnson
SUPSHIP 306
LCDR Christopher Cook
ACU-2 BALTIMORE
YN1 Wanda Cashwell
NRC STAFF



Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal

EM1 Rodney Stamm
NR COMSUBRON 6 DET 504
Em1 Bernardo Camano
NR NAVSEADET 304
SW1 Chris Romig
NR NMCB 21 DET 0821
CWO4 John Erhard
NR PEO MUW 1404
MS1 Frederick Chache
NR FH FORT DIX DET 13
EAC Gerald Price
NR NMCB 21 DET 0521
OS1 Peter Chludzinski
NR AOC DET EARLE DAHT-7
HM1 Daniel Serfass
NR FH FORT DIX DET 13
YNC(AW) Amy Kelly
NRC ADELPHI FTS
EMC(SW) Nathaniel Jackson
NRC ADELPHI FTS
HMC William Johnson
NRC ADELPHI FTS

Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal cont.

IT2(AW) Fatima Crespo
NRC ADELPHI FTS
EM2 (SW) Michael Dankwa
NRC ADELPHI FTS
PN2 Stephen Encell
NRC ADELPHI FTS
YN2 Elizabeth Rogers
NRC ADELPHI FTS
LCDR James Beardsley
NR COMSUBGRU TEN
LCDR Robert Berryman
NR COMSUBGRU TEN
LCDR Nadja Brownrigg
NR NNMCMC BETH 106
LCDR Michael Montopoli
NR NNMCMC BETH 106
LCDR Jason Singleton
NR COMSCEUR 106
YNC(SS) SAMUEL Delgrande
NR COMSUBGRU TEN
IT1 Lucille Linary
NR COMSCEUR 106
YN1 Rhonda Recto
NR COMSCEUR 106
MA1 Kevin Lewis
NR COMSUBGRU TEN
HM1 Fil Sahagun
NR NNMCMC BETH 106
BM2 Joselito Tungcod
NR COMSUBGRU TEN
SK3 Holly Beatty
NR COMSCEUR 106
HM3 Germaine Hutchins
NR NNMCMC BETH 106
HM3 Allison Levy
NR NNMCMC BETH 106
SK2 Marlon Campbell
FISC NRF DT DET 206
SK1 Steven Berquist
FISC NRF DT DET 206
SK1 James Payton
FISC NRF DT DET 206
SK1 Phyllis Porter
FISC NRF DT DET 206
LTJG Karen Kimel
COMSUBLANT DET 106
PNC Orville Johnson
DSW N77 106

Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal cont.

LCDR Andrew Thaeler
DSW N77 106
LCDR Sean Osterhaus
DSW N77 106
SM1 Charles Sims
DSW N77 106
DCC Mark Chrisp
PMS TNW 106
HM1 Marilyn Williamson
BUMED 106



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

CAPT David Townsend
NR COMSCEUR 106
YNC Karen Marshall
NR COMSCEUR 106
ENS Brian Badura
NAVMEIACR
CDR William Vaughn
CNO FLT REDLOG 106



Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT Mark Shelton
NR NCAPS 106
CDR Frederick Shelton
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERS
CAPT John Haverty
NAVORDSAFSECACT HQ 106
CAPT Kenneth Hart
COMSUBLANT BGS 306
LCDR Peter Lehardy
NAVSEA DET 1006
CAPT Donald Benzing
FLTSUPTRA 906